

REMARKS

Applicants request the Examiner to *first* enter Applicants' November 17, 2010 Amendment, and *then* enter this Supplemental Amendment. Pursuant to an Interview with the Examiner conducted on December 7, 2010, Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment in order to further distinguish the cited references. For example, Applicants discussed proposed amendments and the rejection to the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0145702, hereinafter "Kato") in view of Ando et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,054,545, hereinafter "Ando") in view of Seo et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0056580). Because the Examiner agreed that none of the cited references suggest the proposed amendments to claim 13, Applicants have amended all of the independent claims to reflect the proposed amendments discussed during the interview.

For example, claim 13 requires "wherein the at least one still picture and associated graphic data in the still picture unit are reproduced synchronously **based on the at least one playitem**", "wherein the audio data is reproduced independently from the at least one still picture unit **based on the at least one sub-playitem**", and "wherein the stream files and the playlist file are separate from each other and have different file extensions." For example, the Examiner was persuaded that Seo does not perform synchronous or independent reproduction based on the **playitem** and **sub-playitem**. For example, the Examiner acknowledged that the older DVD art of Ando and Seo do not illustrate a **playitem** or **sub-playitem** within the meaning of the claimed invention. Also, in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have added the limitation "wherein the stream files and the playlist file are separate from each other and have different file extensions" as a means to further differentiate the older DVD art of Ando and Seo. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner

withdraw all rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). If anything should prevent this application from proceeding to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call Jared Scholz at 703-668-8006.

CONCLUSION

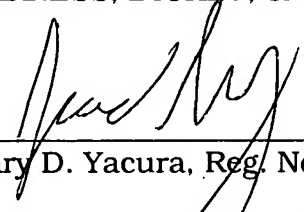
In view of the above remarks and supplemental amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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